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Temporary Clerks,	Rev. G. W. Gallagher. Rev. H. B. McBride.

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(TO REPORT IN 1881.)

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MINUTES.

THE SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC met, according to appointment, October 7th, A. D. 1880, at 2 o'clock P. M., in the Presbyterian Church of San Jose, and was opened with a sermon from Acts xiv: 15—17, by Rev. Richard Wylie, the retiring Moderator.

After the sermon the Synod was constituted with prayer. The roll was then called, and there were the following persons present and churches represented, to wit:

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Ministers Present—F. M. Dimmick, T. Kirkland, N. B. Klink, J. S. McDonald, A. H. Croco, H. B. McBride, J. Mitchell, J. A. Mitchell, J. Pierpont, R. R. Wells, R. Wylie, Robert Ballagh, J. M. Dinsmore.

Ministers Absent—C. H. Crawford, J. R. Hammond, G. H. Kieme, H. Loomis, R. McCulloch, H. McLeod, F. H. Robinson, S. Thompson, LL. D., J. S. Todd, J. L. Woods.

Elders Present and Churches Represented—Samuel McBride, Dixon; M. Wagenseller, Ukiah; A. A. Saunders, Westminster; R. G. Reynolds, Clear Lake (2); A. H. Buehren, St. Helena; J. C. Wier, Vacaville; C. H. Copeland, Santa Rosa; Chas. E. Greene, Davisville; R. J. Trumbull, San Rafael.

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

Ministers Present—J. Phelps, D. D., T. E. Taylor, Robert Strong, A. J. Compton, M. D., James Cameron, J. W. Ellis, P. D. Young.

Ministers Absent—Blackburn Leffer, Albert T. White, LL. D., James Gilchrist, John Marquis, Robert Boag, William C. Mosher, William F. P. Noble, Samuel B. King, John Mack, Ebenezer Halliday, William Meyer, Reuben Reese.

Elders Present—D. W. McLeod, Arlington.

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Ministers Present—J. N. Hubbard, N. Slater, Edward Graham, H. H. Rice, George C. Whyte, John B. Warren, George W. Gallagher, Isaac N. Waterman, P. F. Phelps (2).

Ministers Absent—John T. Baldwin, B. B. Bonham, Silas Hindman, Justus B. Jewell, Horace A. Mayhew, P. Lynett Carden, Josiah McClain, James White, S. M. Crothers, G. W. Lyons.

Elders Present and Churches Represented—Henry Fisher, Sacramento; E. B. Conklin, Placerville.

*The figure indicates the day of the session on which the member appeared.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

Ministers Present—A. Williams, W. A. Scott, D. D. LL. D., S. Woodbridge, D. D., S. T. Wells, T. Fraser, J. B. Poage (2), D. D., R. S. Symington, C. A. Poage, E. Verrue, D. McClure, Ph. D., A. S. Fiske, W. Alexander, D. D., J. Matthews, D. D., J. Rea, F. E. Shearer, J. Hemphill, J. Woodworth, James Curry, Edward F. Walker, Williel H. Thomson, J. T. Wills, R. Mackenzie, F. L. Nash, W. J. Smith (2).

Ministers Absent—John Sessions, D. D., George Burrowes, D. D., James Woods, A. W. Loomis, D. D., R. V. Dodge, C. T. Mills, D. D., D. H. Temple, William Buehren, H. R. Avery, P. V. Veeder, D. D., I. M. Condit, S. P. Sprecher, S. P. Whiting, James Agnew, J. M. Allis, J. A. Merrill, J. L. McKeehan, M. D., H. H. Wikoff, Geo. R. Bird.

Elders Present and Churches Represented—N. Gray, First Church, San Francisco; J. W. Raymond, First Church, Oakland; E. R. Hawley, Howard Church; James B. Roberts, Calvary Church; Hector Morrison, Second Church, Oakland.

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Ministers Present—T. M. Oviatt, C. E. Babb, D. D., W. W. Brier, S. S. Harmon, William Alfred Tenney, Lewis Thompson, Hiram Hill, James M. Newell, J. Wayne Snowden, James L. Drum, J. P. Egbert, H. H. Dobbins.

Ministers Absent—A. Fairbairn, W. H. Wilson, J. Edwards, A. Ostram, W. F. B. Lynch, C. W. Anthony.

Elders Present and Churches Represented—C. F. Eckheart, Gilroy; James M. Rodgers, Watsonville; C. B. Turner, Westminster; J. B. Robinson, Hollister; A. S. Evans, San José; J. R. Weller, Milpitas.

Synod proceeded to the election of officers, and the Rev. John Hemphill, of the Presbytery of San Francisco, was elected Moderator by acclamation, and Revs. G. W. Gallagher and H. B. McBride were elected Temporary Clerks in the same manner.

The Chairman of the Committee of Arrangements reported in part, and the report was amended and adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee of Arrangements would respectfully report, recommending that the daily session begin at 9 o'clock A. M., and that there be a recess from 12:30 P. M. until 1:30 P. M., and another recess from 5 P. M. until 7 P. M.

That the remainder of this afternoon be spent in prayer and discussing the needs of our Church on this Coast.

That a meeting be held this evening in behalf of Education and Sabbath Observance; Dr. Scott to preside, and Dr. Matthews to speak on Education.

That a meeting on behalf of Foreign Missions be held on Friday evening and addresses be delivered by Mr. Fiske and Mr. Mackenzie.

That a meeting in behalf of Freedmen and Home Missions be held on Saturday evening; Mr. Kirkland to preside, and Mr. Fiske deliver an address on Freedmen, and Mr. Graham open a discussion on Home Missions.

J. P. EGBERT,

Chairman.

A Complaint of F. E. Shearer and others against an action of the Presbytery of San Francisco, was presented, and on motion referred to the Judicial Committee to be appointed.

The report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary was made the first order of the day for to-morrow morning.

The docket was read, and the Synod spent the remainder of the afternoon session in a devotional meeting, according to the report of the Committee of Arrangements.

The hour having arrived, the Synod took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

AFTER RECESS, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Synod convened, and spent the evening in a popular meeting in behalf of Education and Sabbath Observance. Addresses were delivered by Revs. Dr. Matthews, W. W. Brier, J. P. Egbert, C. A. Poage, James Cameron and E. Graham, and at 9 o'clock P. M. the Synod adjourned. Closed with prayer.

FRIDAY, October 8, 1880.

The Synod met at 9 A. M., and spent the first hour in devotional exercises, and then proceeded to business. The minutes of yesterday afternoon were read and approved.

The Moderator announced the following Committees, viz:

1. BILLS AND OVERTURES:

   Ministers—R. Wylie, S. T. Wells, T. E. Taylor.
   Elders—N. Gray, N. Wagenseller.

2. JUDICIAL:

   Ministers—Robert Strong, F. M. Dimmick, E. Graham.
   Elders—A. S. Evans, R. J. Trumbull.

3. MINUTES OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

   Ministers—J. P. Egbert, A. S. Fiske.
   Elder—C. H. Copeland.

4. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:

   Ministers—H. H. Rice, W. W. Brier.
   Elder—J. M. Rodgers.

5. TO AUDIT THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT:

   Ministers—D. McClure, C. E. Babb.
   Elder—E. B. Conklin.

6. FINANCE AND MILEAGE:

   Ministers—J. Mitchell, J. B. Warren.
   Elder—J. B. Roberts.

7. Theological Seminary:
Ministers—James S. McDonald, R. S. Symington, James Cameron.
Elders—D. W. McLeod, E. R. Hawley.

8. Correspondence:
Ministers—S. Woodbridge, T. Kirkland.
Elder—J. W. Raymond.

9. Records of Benicia Presbytery:
Ministers—F. L. Nash, N. Slater.
Elder—W. Holt.

10. Records of Los Angeles Presbytery:
Ministers—J. M. Newell, William Alexander.
Elder—C. F. Eckhart.

11. Records of Sacramento Presbytery:
Ministers—H. H. Dobbins, R. R. Wells.
Elder—C. B. Turner.

12. Records of San Francisco Presbytery:
Ministers—N. B. Klink, J. W. Ellis.
Elder—A. H. Buehren.

13. Records of San Jose Presbytery:
Ministers—A. Williams, J. Pierpont.
Elder—H. Fisher.

Revs. J. B. Poage and W. J. Smith, of the Presbytery of San Francisco appeared, and were enrolled. The Synod then proceeded to the first order of the day, viz:

The report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary. The report was read by Dr. Scott, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Theological Seminary. (See Appendix A.)

The Synodical Missionary, Rev. Thomas Fraser, presented his report, which was accepted, and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

Rev. John Reid, of the Synod of the Columbia, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

Calvary Church, San Francisco, invited the Synod to meet with it next year, and the invitation was accepted.

A proposition of R. H. McDonald, with reference to the founding of a Christian University was received, and referred to a special Committee of five.

The Moderator appointed as such Committee, Revs. A. S. Fiske, H. H. Rice and E. Graham, and Elders E. B. Conklin and A. S. Evans.

A report from the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions was presented, accepted and referred to the Committee on Home Missions.

The report of the Occidental Branch of the Womans' Board of Foreign Missions was presented, accepted and referred to the Committee on Foriegn Missions.

Dr. C. E. Babb presented his resignation as one of the Directors of the Theological Seminary, because it was impossible for him to attend the meetings of the Board. On motion the resignation was accepted.

The several reports of the Presbyteries of Benicia, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Francisco and San Jose were read and accepted; and for which see Appendix B: 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

The Judicial Committee presented the following report, to wit:

Your Committee beg leave to report that certain papers embracing the records of a complaint of certain members of the Presbytery of San Francisco against a certain action of said Presbytery, in the matter of J. D. Strong, were placed in their hands, and that they find said papers entirely in order; and that reasons for submitting the case to the Synod were heard and deemed sufficient.

Your Committee therefore beg leave to suggest that said matter be taken up at 1½ o'clock P. M. to-day, and issued according to the laws of the Church.

We also recommend in the argumentation of the case that one hour be given to each of the original parties, and that the complainants be heard first, occupying forty-five minutes, and fifteen minutes in reply. We also desire to submit a certain paper purporting to be an agreement between the original parties as to a matter of fact not appearing on the records, marked A, herewith.

ROBERT STRONG,
A. S. EVANS,
R. J. TRUMBULL,
E. GRAHAM,
F. M. DIMMICK.

Synod took recess until half past 1 o'clock, P. M.

1:30 P. M., October 8, 1880.

The Synod resumed business at the expiration of recess, and the Rev. R. Wylie, of the Presbytery of Benicia, took the Moderator's chair.

The Permanent Committee on Sunday School Meetings reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee appointed to arrange for Sabbath School meetings for this Synod would respectfully recommend:

1. That a meeting be held at 3:30 on Sabbath afternoon, for the discussion of the subject of Sunday Schools.

2. That Rev. H. H. Rice be appointed to preside at said meeting; and that the meeting be addressed by Revs. H. H. Rice, F. L. Nash and F. M. Dimmick, and volunteer speakers.

The Synod then took up the order of the day, being the complaint of F. E. Shearer and others against the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco, in the case of J. D. Strong.

The Moderator enjoined the Synod, as required in Rule 40, of the General Rules for Judicatories.

Dr. James Matthews, Rev. F. E. Shearer, and Rev. R. Mackenzie appeared on behalf of the complainants, and Rev. W. Alexander, D. D., and C. A. Poage on behalf of the Presbytery.

The complaint was then read, and is as follows:

San Francisco, Cal., April 30, 1880.

To the Moderator of the Synod of the Pacific, greeting:

Praying that the spirit of wisdom and of a sound mind may be yours, we, ministers and ruling elders in the Presbytery of San Francisco, represent that on January 12th, 1880, the said Presbytery received a communication from Rev. J. D. Strong, in which he used the following language, to wit: "I have ceased to believe the doctrines of the Presbyterian Church, or to feel respect for its practical religion. For this reason I hereby withdraw from the Presbytery of San Francisco, and ask that my name be stricken from its list of members;" and that a committee was appointed to visit the said J. D. Strong, one of whom waited on the said J. D. Strong, and reported verbally to the Presbytery, recommending that the name of the said J. D. Strong be dropped from the roll; and that the said Presbytery thereupon, on April 29th, 1880, *Resolved*, that the name of J. D. Strong be dropped from the roll.

Against the aforesaid action of the said Presbytery on April 29th, 1880, we do hereby complain to your reverend body, because we believe it to have been hasty, irregular, contrary to the constitution of the Church, injurious to the interests of religion, and contrary to the action of your own body and the General Assem-

bly in reference to striking off the name of T. M. Dawson.

F. E. SHEARER,
JAS. MATTHEWS,
JOHN HEMPHILL,
J. B. POAGE,
A. W. LOOMIS,
CHAS. GEDDES,
JAMES B. ROBERTS,
ED. VERRUE,
A. S. FISKE,
J. W. STEWART,
IRA M. CONDIT,
W. A. SCOTT,
JNO. REA,
GEO. BURROWES,
R. MACKENZIE,
WARREN HOLT,
W. J. SMITH,
WM. H. DEAN,
H. R. AVERY,
A. D. BIGGS,
R. S. SYMINGTON.

The complaint as read was endorsed by Rev. James Matthews, Moderator of the Presbytery of San Francisco, as received May 8th, 1880.

The following stipulation, marked A in the report of the Judicial Committee, was also read, to wit:

It is hereby agreed between the complainants and the defendants in the case of the complaint of F. E. Shearer, *et al. vs.* the Presbytery of San Francisco, that after the appointment of a committee to visit Mr. J. D. Strong, Dr. Alexander, the Chairman of the Committee, did so visit Mr. J. D. Strong at the request of the Committee; but after said visit there was no meeting of the Committee.

F. E. SHEARER,
JAS. MATTHEWS,
ROBT. MACKENZIE, } On behalf of Complainants.

W. ALEXANDER,
C. A. POAGE, } Defendants.

The records of the Presbytery of San Francisco pertaining to this case were also read.

Rev. A. D. Calhoun, of the United Presbyterian Synod, being present, was invited to sit as a corresponding member.

The defendants objected to the reading of the names of the

persons present at the meeting of the Presbytery on April 29th, 1880, as a part of the record of the proceedings in the case; and after discussion the Moderator decided the names of those present to be a legitimate part of the record of the proceedings. To this ruling the defendants took exception. It was moved to postpone the further consideration of the case until the meeting of the Synod of 1881. The Moderator decided the motion to be out of order. It was announced that the complainants would be given three quarters of an hour for opening and fifteen minutes for closing; and that the respondent would be allowed an intervening hour. The complainants were heard by their representatives, Revs. F. E. Shearer, R. McKenzie and Jas. Matthews. The respondents, the Presbytery of San Francisco, appeared by their representatives, Revs. Wm. Alexander, D. D., and C. A. Poage, who were heard for the time allotted to their side of the case. At the close of the discussion it was on motion ordered that speeches be limited to two minutes each. The roll of the Presbytery of San Francisco was then called, and the members allowed to speak in explanation of the grounds of their decision, or their dissent from it. Rev. Thomas Fraser was on motion granted two minutes additional time. After the roll of this Presbytery was called, the members withdrew from the room, and the Clerk proceeded with the roll of Synod until half past 5 o'clock P. M., when the Synod took recess until 7 o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, October 8, 7 o'clock P. M.

The Synod met at the expiration of recess, and a public meeting was held in the interests of Foreign Missions. Rev. John Reid, of the Synod of the Columbia, presided at the meeting. Addresses were delivered by Rev. George F. Fitch, of the Synod of China, and Rev. S. P. Sprecher. The latter read also the reports of the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

A communication was presented, inviting the Synod to attend the Agricultural Fair now in progress in San Jose, and on motion the invitation was accepted with thanks.

The Synod then adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock to-morrow morning. Closed with prayer.

SATURDAY MORNING, October 9th.

Synod met at 9 o'clock and spent an hour in devotional exercises, conducted by Elder J. B. Roberts.

At the close of the hour the Synod proceeded to business, with the Rev. R. Wylie in the Moderator's chair.

The Committee of Arrangements made a further report which was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee respectfully recommend:

1. That the Synod hold a communion service in connection with this church at 11 o'clock A. M. to-morrow; the Moderator to preach the sermon, Rev. George F. Fitch to administer the bread, and Rev. H. H. Rice, the cup; and the elders of this church to distribute the elements.

2. That the supply of pulpits be as follows: Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Rev. W. Alexander, D. D., and Rev. H. H. Rice; Congregational Church, Rev. R. S. Symington and Rev. J. B. Warren; M. E. Church, A. S. Fiske and J. W. Ellis; M. E. Church, South, Rev. J. Curry and Rev. H. Dobbins; Santa Clara M. E. Church, Rev. W. J. Smith; Westminster Presbyterian Church, Santa Clara, Rev. E. Graham and Rev. R. Mackenzie; United Presbyterian Church, Rev. T. Fraser of Oakland, and Rev. R. Wylie of Napa.

The reading of the minutes of yesterday's session was postponed for the present. The judicial case before the Committee was then resumed, and it was voted that the members of the Presbytery of San Francisco be regarded as absent, with the privilege of remaining in the house, if they so desire. The calling of the roll was then proceeded with, for the purpose of hearing the opinions of members of Synod.

Rev. Philo F. Phelps, of the Presbytery of Sacramento, appeared and took his seat.

Mr. Field was then heard on behalf of the Agricultural Society, inviting the members of Synod to attend the Fair, and distributed tickets to enable them so to do. The thanks of the Synod were returned to Messrs. Jones and Field for this invitation.

When all had been heard in explanation, the vote was taken by calling the roll, with the following result: to sustain, 13; not sustain, 40. The Moderator decided that the complaint was not sustained.

A resolution was offered by A. J. Compton, expressing the sense of Synod in regard to this case. Dr. Phelps moved to amend by appointing a committee to prepare a minute upon the subject. A motion to lay the whole matter upon the table was made and lost. The question was then taken upon appointing the committee, and the Moderator appointed as such committee Revs. A. J. Compton, J. Phelps, D. D., T. E. Taylor, and Elders Jas. M. Rogers and A. A. Saunders.

The Committee on Church Erection presented their report,

which was accepted and placed upon the docket.

Rev. John Reid, of the Synod of the Columbia, was heard as Fraternal Delegate of the California State Association of Congregational ministers, Mr. Reid appearing as a delegate of that body in virtue of his supplying for a time the pulpit of the First Congregational Church, of San Francisco.

Rev. L. M. Krahl, of the Rochester Conference of the Wesleyan M. E. Church, and Rev. George F. Fitch, Synod of China, Rev. C. C. Stratton, D. D., and Professor J. N. Martin, of the California Conference of the M. E. Church, being present, were invited to sit as corresponding members.

The Committee on Publication reported as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Publication beg leave to report:

1. We have learned with gratification that there is an increasing demand for all the books and periodicals of our Church, and that publications are to be issued at prices so reduced that there may be no excuse on the ground of cheapness for the purchase of the light and frothy literature that so often finds its way into our Sunday School libraries.

2. We would call special attention to the excellent work of one of the missionaries of this Board, the Rev. W. C. Mosher, of the Presbytery of Los Angeles, and suggest the great need of similar labors in other destitute portions of our Synod.

3. We are sorry to be obliged to report a decrease of more than one half since last year, in the amount contributed to this agency of the Church, and we recommend a greater liberality in respect to this object.

F. L. NASH,
E. B. CONKLIN.

The report was adopted.

An open letter to the Synod from Mrs. P. D. Browne, President of the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, was presented, and on motion referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on the Theological Seminary reported as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on the Theological Seminary have received and considered the minutes of the Board of Directors and those of the Trustees, and the Treasurer's report, together with a statement of the Students' Contingent Fund.

We find these minutes and reports full and satisfactory. The balance sheet shows a healthy condition of accounts.

Only a small proportion of our churches have complied with

the resolution of last Synod, and contributed to the Students' Contingent Fund.

Three young men, having passed satisfactory examinations, were graduated at the close of the year.

There are but four students in attendance at this time; one more to enter after the meeting of Synod.

Three other young men design entering the seminary as soon as their preparatory course of study is finished.

Your Committee feel that no language that they can command can adequately express their sense of the importance of our Seminary to the welfare and progress of the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ, not only upon this Coast but in the vast and destitute regions beyond. It is to become a fountain of blessing to the Islands of the Pacific and the populous countries of idolatrous Asia.

We commend it to the sympathies and prayers of the people of God, and earnestly request them to generously bestow upon it their benefactions. Your Committee would recommend:

1. That the minutes and reports of the Directors, Faculty, Trustees and Treasurer be approved.

That Synod express its gratitude to the members of the Faculty for their faithful and self-sacrificing labors during the past year; and that it welcomes the Rev. John Hemphill to the corps of able teachers, as the permanent successor of Dr. Eells.

3. That our hearty thanks be returned to Mr. Robert L. Stuart for his donation of $20,000 to the Endowment Fund of the Seminary.

4. That the friends of the Seminary on this Coast be earnestly solicited to raise at least $25,000, and thus secure the large amount that seems ready to drop into our treasury from the hands of kind and liberal friends in the East, who await our effort to swell the Endowment Fund of our own institution.

5. We would earnestly recommend that the members of *all* our churches offer up earnest prayer to the Great Head of the Church in behalf of parents, to the end that they may consecrate their sons to God, and for our youth, that their hearts may be inclined to serve the Lord in the ministry of the Word, and that special services be held on this subject on the second Sabbath in February next.

6. We nominate for re-election the following Directors, whose terms of office expire at this meeting of Synod:

Ministers—S. P. Sprecher, John Hemphill, W. W. Brier, F. E. Shearer; and

Ruling Elders—Stephen Franklin and Robert J. Trumbull.

Also, Rev. J. P. Egbert to fill the vacancy occasiond by the resignation of Rev. C. E. Babb, D. D.

JAMES S. McDONALD,
R. S. SYMINGTON,
D. W. McLEOD,
E. R. HAWLEY,
JAMES CAMERON.

The report was adopted.

Revs. S. P. Sprecher, John Hemphill, W. W. Brier, F. E. Shearer, Elders Stephen Franklin and R. J. Trumbull, were elected by ballot as Directors of the Theological Seminary for three years, and J. P. Egbert, in like manner, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of C. E. Babb, D. D.

Rev. James Curry, in behalf of the Alumni of the San Francisco Theological Seminary, presented the action of the Alumni in their endeavor to endow a professor's chair in said Seminary, and on motion, this subject was referred to the Committee on Bills and Overtures; and on motion, the report of the Committee of Bills and Overtures on this subject was made the first order of the day for this afternoon. The hour having arrived, the Synod took recess until 1:30 o'clock.

After Recess, Saturday Afternoon, October 9th.

The Synod convened at the expiration of recess, 1:30 P. M., and resumed business, the Moderator being in the chair.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported in reference to the paper presented by Mr. Curry, as follows:

We recommend that this Synod heartily endorse the plan of the Alumni of the Theological Seminary, and refer the matter to the Board of Directors of the San Francisco Theological Seminary.

R. WYLIE,
Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Elder A. S. Evans was heard on behalf of the California Bible Society, and presented the following, which was adopted, to wit:

The Trustees of the California Bible Society having initiated steps for holding Wickliffe Semi-Millennial Bible services in various parts of California, and said Trustees having asked this Synod to give its sanction and co-operation in carrying out these plans, therefore

Resolved—That the Synod of the Pacific very heartily endorse the action of the Trustees of the California Bible Society looking to the Wycliffe Semi-Millennial Celebration, and urge our churches to join in this celebration.

The Permanent Committee on the Freedmen reported. The report was accepted, and, pending its adoption, Rev. John

Hemphill addressed the Synod, and the report was then adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Freedmen would respectfully make the following report:

The Presbyterian Committee of Missions for Freedmen have under their care 150 churches, with 11,108 communicants, 132 Sabbath Schools, and 8,026 scholars in these schools. To preach to these churches there are 53 ordained ministers and eight licentiates. Of the ordained ministers, 40 are colored and 13 are white. There are also employed for the pupose of giving religious instruction, 24 catechists. There are also parochial schools connected with these churches taught by 60 teachers, about two-thirds of whom are ladies and one-third gentlemen. Of these teachers about two-thirds are colored, and one-third are white. Most of these ordained ministers have several churches each—in some cases, four, five, or six. Those churches are mostly located in North and South Carolina, but extend into adjoining States. They are embraced chiefly in four Presbyteries. Besides the parochial schools, there are graded schools, normal schools and chartered institutions. These schools and institutions are calculated to give such education as the colored people need, from a common school up to a first-class academy or ordinary college.

For the support of these churches and carrying on missionary work under the auspices of the Presbyterian General Assembly, there have been usually in past years about $50,000 of available funds, each year; but the liberality of the Church in this direction seems to be greatly increasing, so that a much larger amount may be expected for promoting this cause among the Freedmen in the future. And whilst the Eastern churches and benevolent individuals are contributing so generously for this cause, ought not we on this coast also to feel a deep interest in the same cause, and contribute liberally according to our means? The Pacific Synod contributed last year to the cause of Freedmen $278.50. Perhaps much more might be given this year. Although there are no Presbyterian colored churches within the bounds of Synod, as your Committee is aware, yet there are several colored churches of other denominations. And would it not be well for Presbyterians here to cherish an interest in the colored people on this coast, to elevate and Christianize them, and, if there should be opportunity, to organize churches among them? All which is respectfully submitted.

T. KIRKLAND,
Chairman.

Rev. G. W. Gallagher asked for leave of absence, which was granted, and Rev. John Rea was elected temporary Clerk, *pro tem.*

The report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly, which had been placed on the docket, was taken up, and pending this Rev. H. B. Avery and Rev. Howard Henderson, D. D., LL. D., appeared before Synod and presented the Christian greetings of the Pacific Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. At the close of these addresses the Moderator made an appropriate response.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on the Minutes of the General Assembly was then resumed. After discussion, the report was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee has had before it the minutes of the General Assembly, and after a careful examination beg leave to call the attention of the Synod to the following items, to wit:

1. The report of the Committee on the Annual Concert of Prayer, found on page 51, with the recommendation that this Synod approve of the order therein laid down, and that it be observed by all the churches within our bounds.

2. That the last Thursday in January be observed as a day of prayer for colleges and institutions of learning.

3. That the second Sabbath in May be set apart as a day for special instruction and prayer, in relation to the interests of Sabbath schools.

4. That the first prayer meeting of every month be observed as a season of special prayer and instruction concerning the work of Home and Foreign Missions.

Your Committee also call the attention of this Synod to resolution No. 3, page 71, which reads as follows:

Resolved—3. That the General Assembly urges upon the Theological Seminary to make it a general rule to require an education equivalent to a college course for admission to the lowest Seminary class.

Also to the following resolution, found on page 85, concerning the reception of ministers from other denominations, with the request that our Presbyteries take earnest heed to the same:

"That the Presbyteries be enjoined, when dealing with applications from ministers of other denominations for admission into our Church, to demand of such evidence of having had a course of collegiate and theological instruction equivalent to that demanded in the case of candidates for the ministry under the care of our Presbyteries; and that such applicants shall be subject to a particular and careful examination in theology."

Lastly, your Committee would most earnestly call attention to the action of the Assembly in regard to the subject of temperance, found on page 75 of the Minutes, reciting the action of former General Assemblies, declaring against the manufacture,

sale and use of intoxicating liquors as a beverage, and the renting of property for such manufacture and sale, recognizing and commending also the efforts of some of our churches in the promotion of this great cause; and your Committee, in perfect sympathy and accord with the spirit and letter of this important doctrine of the General Assembly, recommend to this Synod to add to the number of its permanent committees one on the matter of temperance, to report annually to this body.

J. M. NEWELL,
A. J. COMPTON.

Several memorials on the subject of temperance were presented, and on motion referred to a committee consisting of Revs. A. Williams, S. T. Wells, F. L. Nash and Elders N. Gray and James M. Rodgers.

The committee to which was referred the proposition of R. H. McDonald, in reference to a Christian University, presented their report. The report was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Mr. McDonald's proposition, recommend that the Synod pass the following resolutions:

Resolved—That with gratitude to the source of all wisdom and goodness, this Synod rejoices in the plan proposed by Dr. R. H. McDonald for a Central Christian College, and believes it precisely what the educational interests of the coast require.

Resolved---That we appoint a committee of seven---four ministers and three elders---to act in conference with committees of the other denominations, appointed or to be appointed for like purpose, with power to act as circumstances may require until next meeting of Synod.

Resolved—That this Synod commends the general terms of the plan to the confidence and support of all Presbyteries and churches and lovers of sound learning.

The report was adopted.

The Moderator announced that the vacancies in the Permanent Committee on Foreign Missions would be filled as follows, viz:

Ministers—J. M. Newell, N. B. Klink.

Elders—Henry Fisher, R. G. Reynolds.

A communication from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union was presented, and on motion the following reply was made, viz:

Resolved---That the Synod expresses its deep sympathy with the work in which the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is engaged.

The Mileage Committee presented a report, pending the adoption of which standing rule No. 22 was on motion suspended.

The report was then adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Finance and Mileage would report that they find the sum of $465.77, which they recommend be disbursed for mileage as follows:

PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

Claims	$175.25
Deductions	35.00
Ninety per cent. of $140.25	=$126.25

PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Claims	$300.30
Deductions	50.00
Ninety per cent. of $250.30	=$225.30

PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

Claims	$178.50
Deductions	75.00
Ninety per cent. of $103.50	= $93.15

PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

WHEREAS, This Presbytery has paid to the Mileage Fund only $34.20, and that Presbytery should pay about $22 for its proportion of the contingent expenses of Synod; and whereas only one claim has been presented,

Resolved—That to said Presbytery the sum of $12.20 only be paid for mileage, or returned to said Presbytery $12.20

Total $456.90

Which leaves a balance of $8.87.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. B. WARREN,
JAMES B. ROBERTS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools reported, and the report was accepted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Sunday School Statistics would respectfully report that they have faithfully corresponded with the churches on this subject. From three of the Presbyteries none of the churches have reported statistics. From one Presbytery a few churches have reported. Reports were obtained from nearly all the churches in the Presbytery of Benicia. In view of the small

number of churches that reported statistics, your Committee have been unable to perform the duties assigned them.

J. M. NEWELL,
Chairman.

The Committe on Correspondence reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Correspondence respectfully recommend that the following named brethren be appointed as delegates from this Synod to our corresponding bodies, viz:

To the Congregational Association of the State of California, for 1881, Rev. Mr. Sprecher, Principal; Rev. Mr. Egbert, Alternate.

To the Pacific Synod of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, for 1881, Rev. R. Wylie, Principal; Rev. Jas. Matthews, Alternate.

To the Annual California Conference of the M. E. Church, for 1881, Rev. A. J. Compton, Principal; Rev. H. H. Rice, Alternate.

To the Pacific Conference of the M. E. Church, South, for 1881, Rev. S. S. Harmon, Principal; Rev. John Hemphill, Alternate.

SYLVESTER WOODBRIDGE,
THOMAS KIRKLAND,
J. C. RAYMOND.

The report was adopted.

The several Committees on the Records of the Presbyteries of Benicia, Sacramento, San Francisco, Los Angeles, and San Jose presented their respective reports, recommending approval of the records; and the several reports were adopted.

The Committee on Ministerial Relief presented its report, which was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Ministerial Relief would respectfully report that they have endeavored to collect the facts in regard to this important branch of the Church's work; but they have been only partially successful. The following statement approximates the truth: Thirty churches in our Synod have contributed to this cause during the past year. The whole amount contributed is $532.30. By correspondence the Committee have urged this matter upon the churches. There has been one application for aid from this fund within this Synod during the past year. Amount asked $300. The Committee would call the attention of this Synod especially to the sad facts given in the Annual Report of the Board to the General Assemby. Owing to the embarrassment of debt, the Board was compelled to refuse aid to all new applicants, and to reduce 25 per cent. of the aid already promised. In view of these facts, the Committee recommend that all our churches be urged to contribute liberally to this cause.

J. M. NEWELL,
Chairman.

The Committee on Temperance made the following report, which was adopted, to wit:

Whereas, The use of intoxicating drinks has resulted in the production of a large number of drunkards, by which sixty thousand lives are annually destroyed in our land, producing two hundred thousand widows and orphans, and costing us one thousand millions of dollars annually, greatly retarding the progress of morality and religion in the land, and greatly increasing crime and poverty, hardening and demoralizing the mass of those engaged in the business of the production or sale of intoxicating drinks beyond the reach of moral suasion. Therefore

1. *Resolved*---That we greatly rejoice in efforts now being made throughout the land to render the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drinks illegal, especially by amending the Constitutions of the several States, rendering this business in many of its branches fundamentally contrary to law. And we recommend all our ministers and people to give their whole influence in favor of this same.

2. *Resolved*--That this Synod respectfully and earnestly memorializes the Legislatures of the States of California and Nevada to pass such enactments as will remove, or at least lessen the number of licensed prolific sources and common scenes of disorder, immorality and crime.

3. *Resolved* –That this Synod memorializes the Honorable, the Board of Regents of the University of California to put in force the Act of the State Legislature entitled, "An Act to prohibit the Sale of Intoxicating Liquors within three miles of the State University," and thereby afford to the students gathered there from the various parts of the State and the town protection from evil influences.

A. WILLIAMS,
S. T. WELLS,
F. L. NASH,
N. GRAY,
J. M. RODGERS.

The Committee of Arrangements reported further, and the report was adopted as follows, to wit:

Your Committee of Arrangements recommend that to-morrow evening be devoted to a conference and prayer meeting upon the spiritual condition and needs of our churches.

On motion, the following was adopted, to wit:

Resolved---That we highly appreciate the work of the publisher of the *Occident* in its conduct and support; and that, as a sound, strong, and useful religious paper, the *Occident* is eminently worthy of the confidence and patronage of our people.

The Committee on Education reported, and the report was adopted, and is as follows, to wit:

The Committee on Education beg leave to report that $1,442 have been contributed during the year past to this cause by twenty-six churches. We also find that the sum of $640 has been contributed to the Students' Contingent Fund, making $2,082 for total contributions.

We recommend that the Chairman of the Committee on Education of each Presbytery secure, if possible, an annual contribution from each church within its bounds.

A. J. COMPTON,
Chairman.

Rev. Richard Wylie took the Moderator's chair, and the committee appointed to prepare a minute expressing the sense of the Synod in the case of the complaint of F. E. Shearer, *et al. vs* the Presbytery of San Francisco, presented a report as follows, to wit:

Resolved---That this Synod, in refusing to sustain the complaint against the action of the Presbytery of San Francisco in the case of Rev. J. D. Strong, desires to put upon record its sincere sympathy for this brother, and to express the hope and prayer that our Heavenly Father will bless him and his family, and lead them into such a measure of his truth and love that they may not only be greatly comforted and blessed, but that our brother may be led again to become a useful minister and servant of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Resolved---That the Rev. W. W. Brier convey to Brother Strong a copy of this action of Synod.

The report was accepted, and on motion to adopt objection was made to members of the Presbytery of San Francisco participating in the proceedings, and the Moderator decided that the Presbytery of San Francisco should be allowed to vote in the consideration of this report, as it was not a part of the judicial proceedings.

A motion was made to recommit the report, and, pending this motion, a motion to lay on the table was made and carried.

The Synod, on motion, proceeded to the election of a Synodical Missionary for the ensuing year, and Rev. Thomas Fraser was elected by ballot.

The Synod then took recess until 7 P. M.

SATURDAY EVENING, 7 o'clock, P. M., October 9, 1880.

The Synod convened at the expiration of the recess. A meeting was held in behalf of home Missions and Freedmen,

presided over by Rev. T. Kirkland. Rev. Mr. Hemphill read the Annual Report of the Woman's Synodical Committee on Home Missions, and also the Report of the Recording Secretary of the said Woman's Committee. Addresses were delivered by Revs. E. Graham, R. Mackenzie, A. S. Fiske and others.

After the meeting the Synod proceeded to business, the Moderator being in the chair.

The following telegram was received, to wit:

"Sacramento, October 8, 1870.

To the Synod of the Pacific of the Presbyterian Church: The California Grand Lodge of Good Templars sends greeting. Be assured of our abiding desire for the success of your good work. We invite sympathy and cooperation in our efforts to remove intemperance—that great barrier to all Christian progress.

D. E. Bushnell,
Fraternal Delegate."

It was

Resolved—That the Stated Clerk be directed to telegraph our sympathy with the efforts of the Good Templars against the great evil of intemperance.

The first Friday, 7th of October, A. D. 1881, at seven and a half o'clock P. M., was fixed as the time for the next meeting of Synod.

The Moderator appointed the Committee to confer with similar committees from other denominations concerning Mr. McDonald's proposition for a Central Christian University, as follows, viz: A. S. Fiske, James Matthews, D. D., R. Mackenzie, J. S. McDonald, J. B. Roberts and N. Gray.

The Treasurer reported, and the report, with vouchers, was referred to the Committee to audit the Treasurer's accounts. In the absence of Dr. McClure, Rev. N. B. Klink was added to the Auditing Committee.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported an Overture from the Presbytery of Los Angeles, as follows, to wit:

The Presbytery of Los Angeles hereby overtures the Synod for advice to the Presbyteries: Praying that the Synod advise the Presbyteries that they refuse to recommend aid from the Board of Home Missions to any minister who is not a member of the Presbytery in whose bounds he seeks to labor, or who is unwilling to become a member of said Presbytery as soon as the way may be clear.

ROBERT STRONG,
Stated Clerk.

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures recommend no action by this Synod, judging that matters of this kind may be safely left to the discretion of the Presbyteries.

RICHARD WYLIE,

Chairman.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures reported further as follows, to wit:

Your Committee on Bills and Overtures to whom was referred the "Open Letter from the President of the Occidental Branch of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society," beg leave to report that this Synod most heartily endorses the effort of this Branch of Foreign Missions, and commends the Occidental School of the Society to the sympathies, prayers and beneficence of the women and all the churches of this Synod.

RICHARD WYLIE,

Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion presented its report, which was adopted and ordered published in the Appendix to the Minutes. See Appendix C.

The Committee on Home Missions reported as follows, to wit:

To the Synod of the Pacific:

Your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to report that it finds the following facts concerning the contributions of its Presbyteries to Home Missions:

	No of churches.	Contributing.	Not contributing.	No. of members	Am'nt.	Pr capit	Am'nt drawn for the Board.	Per capita drawn
Los Angeles....	19	8	11	560	$129	.23	$9050	$12.00
Benicia	26	18	8	1103	345	.31	1625	1.48
Sacramento ...	32	12	20	1313	401	.30	2000	1.52
San Francisco	24	21	3	3045	2292	.75	2800	.91
San Jose	22	14	8	949	488	.51	1400	1.48
	123	73	50	6970	3655	52	$16875	2.42

Benicia Presbytery has five aided churches; Los Angeles, thirteen; San Jose, five; Sacramento, five, and San Francisco, seven. The collections of the year have been larger than those of any year since 1876, at which date the Synod of Oregon was organized. Since that time the collections have been as follows: In 1876, $3,196; in 1877, $2,323; in 1878, $1,953; in 1879, $2,055; in 1880, $3,655. The advance in this matter during the last year was mainly in the San Francisco Presbytery. The last Synod recommended to the churches to raise Home Missionary offer-

ings equal to seventy-four cents per capita of their membership. The Committee of the San Francisco Presbytery issued circulars to its churches at various times, urging compliance with that recommendation, and secured it fully for the Assembly year. What approach was made to it through the churches of the Synod at large the above figures show.

Four churches have been organized during the year—one at Tombstone, Arizona; one at Arlington, San Bernardino County, Cal.; one at Arbuckle, Sacramento Presbytery, and one at Pacheco, San Francisco Presbytery.

Five churches have either dedicated houses of worship or have them in process of erection.

Your Committee has examined with great interest the reports of the Woman's Committee of Home Missions. That Committee has been in operation but eight months. It has but just begun its work, but has begun it well, and with enthusiasm. This Synod would encourage its work by every means in its power, recommending it to the churches and the good word of God's grace.

The Committee has heard the Report of the Synodical Missionary with interest, and expresses its sympathy with him in his ill health and his heavy work and its many trials. It wishes with great heartiness that we as a church had a Missionary for each Presbytery.

Your Committee rejoices to know that the Home Mission Board is proposing that each Presbytery which will raise as much money for the Board as it needs to expend on its own field, shall control the appropriations within its bounds. It is a step in the right direction, and will greatly encourage contributions.

Your Committee recommends:

1. The re-election of the Woman's Committee of Home Missions, and proposes the following names to compose the Committee:

San Francisco Presbytery---Mrs. J. W. Burling, Mrs. R. Mackenzie, Mrs. F. L. Nash, Mrs. Dr. Cunningham, Mrs. James Cameron, Mrs. Dr. Nichols, Mrs. H. E. Hall, Miss A. L. M. Grove, Miss A. Smart.

San Jose Presbytery---Mrs. H. A. Newell, Mrs. Dr. Babb, Mrs. R. T. McDonald, Mrs. W. W. Brier.

Sacramento Presbytery---Mrs. H. H. Rice, Mrs. E. B. Conklin, Mrs. Gen. John Bidwell.

Benicia Presbytery---Mrs. Richard Wylie, Mrs. H. B. McBride, Mrs. F. M Dimmick, Mrs. H. H. Dobbins.

Los Angeles---Mrs. L. B. Greene, Mrs. J. L. Slawson.

2. Your Committee recommends further that the churches of the Synod aim to raise at least $1 per member for the Home Mission Board.

3. And further, that the Presbyteries take especial measures

to aid and inspire their churches in the above effort.

All of which is respectfully submitted on behalf of the Committee of Foreign Missions.

A. S. FISKE,
Chairman.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Foreign Missions presented its report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

Your Committee find that the Assembly's Board has two foreign missions in our bounds: one to the Chinese in San Francisco, which has been in successful operation for more than twenty years; the other to the Chinese in Oakland, which was begun but a few years ago, and has been attended with the most gratifying success. Few of our churches have had more additions from the world than these Missions have from among the heathen in California.

There are several out stations connected with these Missions in interior towns. We submit the question whether it would not be better to have these stations more perfectly identified with the churches in the places where they are located, and under the direct care and responsibility of the sessions of those churches, until the number of converts from heathenism be large enough to warrant their organization as a separate church. We ask that the attention of our esteemed and devoted missionaries, Dr. A. W. Loomis and Rev. I. N. Condit be called to this suggestion.

The Chinese Mission Church in Oakland has sent three of its young men to Lane Seminary as students for the ministry. We ask how many of our own churches have sent three of their young men to any theological seminary within the last year?

Our report loses much of its interest and importance in consequence of its having been anticipated by the reports presented at the missionary meeting last night, and which, it seems to us, should have reached the Synod through this Committee.

We find the receipts for Foreign Missions, as they appear in the Minutes of the Assembly for this year, to have been but $2,305 from the entire Synod; of which Benicia Presbytery contributed $218; Los Angeles Presbytery, $38; Sacramento Presbytery, $112; San Francisco Presbytery, $1,489, and San Jose Presbytery, $448. Brethren, cannot these figures be increased?

The lateness of the hour will not admit of our taking a view of the missionary work of the Church at large, beyond the simple remark that it seems to be in a flourishing condition.

W. ALEXANDER,
H. H. RICE,
N. B. KLINK,
R. G. REYNOLDS,
HENRY FISHER.

The report was adopted.

The Committee on Leave of Absence reported that leave of absence had been granted to the following, viz:

Revs. W. S. Tenney, Dr. McClure, Geo. C. Whyte, J. S. McDonald, T. M. Oviatt, Geo. W. Gallagher, J. Mitchell, Dr. Scott, Williel Thomson, J. B. Poage, E. Verrue, Robert Ballagh, and Elder E. R. Hawley.

H. H. RICE,
W. W. BRIER,
J. M. RODGERS.
Committee.

The report was adopted.

On motion, Revs. H. H. Rice and J. W. Snowden and Elder H. W. Briggs were made a Sunday School Committee for the year.

The Committee to audit the Treasurer's account reported that they had examined it, and compared it with the vouchers; found it correct, and the report was adopted. The account is as follows, to wit:

The Treasurer of the Synod of the Pacific would respectfully report that at the last meeting there remained,

Balance on hand,	$137.12
That he has received from the Presbytery of San Francisco,	130.10
Amount of Assessment of 1880,	59.90
Presbytery of Benicia,	79.60
" " Los Angeles,	55.00
" " San Jose,	34.20
" " Sacramento,	99.95
	$595.87
That he paid for printing Minutes, Circulars and Postage, as per vouchers,	$82.70
Salary of Stated Clerk,	50.00
Mileage, as per vouchers,	456.90
	$589.60
Balance,	6.27
	$595.87

On motion, it was ordered that the Moderator and Stated Clerk be instructed to complete the Permanent Committees of Synod, and publish them in the Minutes.

The following was adopted, to wit:

Resolved---That we commend the American Tract Society to the

confidence, gifts and prayers of the churches, and urge the churches and Christian people to heartily second the efforts of the officers to double the work of colportage.

Your Committee on the cause of Church Erection beg leave respectfully to report as follows: that the following sums have been received by the several churches herein named, within the bounds of this Synod, during our Synodical year, viz:

Modesto, Sacramento,	$500.00
West Berkely, San Francisco,	530.00
Porterville, San Jose,	200.00
Berkeley, First, San Francisco,	1,000.00
Orange, Los Angeles,	500.00
Phœnix, Los Angeles,	150.00
Total,	2,880.00

During the same time there have been received by the Board:

From Benicia, seven churches,	$ 57.00
From Los Angeles, four churches,	23.00
From Sacramento, two churches,	464.00
From San Francisco, four churches,	62.00
From San Jose, five churches,	41.00
Total---twenty-two churches,	$647.00

Since April 1st, 1880, the Board have received from all sources $43,317. Eighty-six churches have received $43,879. One hundred and twenty-five churches have made application, formal and informal, for $62.354.

Your Committee beg leave to express regret that there should be so great a discrepancy between our receipts from the Board and the contributions made in response. We deplore the necessity of offering these bare statistics, only accompanied with a few chapters from Lamentations. We desire that an interest be aroused commensurate with the undoubted claims of the cause upon our hearty support. Many of our church folds demand yet to be housed, and the very existence of many of our feeble churches depends largely upon furnishing them with suitable places of worship.

It is also to be regretted that many of our churches, having received liberal largesses from this Board, and having pledged to annually contribute to this cause, have so often neglected so to do. This kind of delinquency is scarcely admissible.

Your Committee beg leave also to add that in response to the circular of blanks sent out by our Stated Clerk, asking after the conditions of our church property, that responses have been made by fifty-one churches, showing an aggregate valuation of church property of $490,000, the same having 14,570 church

sittings. That six of the churches have an aggregate debt of $43,350, of which sum $35,000 rests on two churches. That the valuation on church organs in the same is $19,930. Also, that there are seven parsonages to these fifty-one churches, valued at $11,900, and no debt on the same.

The Secretary, Dr. Wilson, urges most strenuously that our own interest in this Home Mission Board is immeasurably ou of all proportion to that bestowed on the cause now represented by him. We recommend most earnestly that this Synod revive their feelings of obligation in this direction. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. M. OVIATT,

Chairman.

The Stated Clerks of the several Presbyteries in the bounds of Synod were directed to procure and forward to the Stated Clerk of Synod, within thirty days, a complete list of Elders and Deacons in the churches in the bounds of their respective Presbyteries.

The Stated Clerk was directed to publish in pamphet form as many copies of the Minutes of Synod as he might deem necessary.

The following was adopted, to wit:

Resolved—That the thanks of this body be returned to the citizens of San Jose for their kind and hospitable entertainent of the members of Synod; to the ladies of this church for their bountiful lunch, so kindly prepared and served in the chapel each day of our sessions; and to the daily papers which have so favorably noticed our proceedings.

An assessment of ten cents per member was, on motion, recommended to be paid by the churches of Synod for the Mileage and Contingent Fund.

On motion, it was ordered that the reports of the Occidental Branch of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society and the Woman's Synodical Committee of Home Missions be placed on file.

On motion, the Stated Clerk and Elders J. B. Roberts and A. S. Evans were appointed a committee to prepare a circular letter to the Elders of Synod, requesting their attendance at the meetings of Synod.

The Stated Clerk was authorized to publish the report of the Directors of the Theological Seminary in the Appendix to the Minutes. See Appendix A.

The roll was called and there were the following persons absent without leave, viz:

Ministers—H. B. McBride, J. Phelps, D. D., S. Woodbridge, D. D., C. A. Poage, E. Verrue, E. F. Walker, T. M. Oviatt, C. E.

Babb, D. D., S. S. Harmon, W. A. Tenney, H. Hill, J. L. Drum and J. P. Egbert.

Elders—A. A. Saunders, J. C. Raymond, J. M. Rodgers, C. F. Eckheart, C. B. Turner, and J. B. Robinson.

The Minutes were read and approved, and the Synod adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock. Closed with prayer.

SUNDAY, October 10th, 11 o'clock, A. M.

The Synod met pursuant to adjournment, and united in divine worship and the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper with the Church of San Jose.

The Moderator preached the sermon and presided at the Lord's table; Rev. Geo. F. Fitch administered the bread and Rev. H. H. Rice the wine, and the elements were distributed by the Elders of the church.

The Synod took recess until three and a half o'clock P. M., when a Sunday School meeting was held, presided over by Rev. H. H. Rice, and addresses were delivered by Revs. H. H. Rice, F. L. Nash and F. M. Dimmick, and Synod again took a recess until 7 o'clock P. M., when a conference was held on the State of Religion, and addresses were delivered by Revs. J. Hemphill, T. Kirkland, J. B. Warren, J. Pierpont, N. Slater, J. P. Egbert and W. J. Smith.

The minutes were approved, and Synod adjourned. Closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

APPENDIX.

A.—REPORT OF THE DIRECTORS OF THE SAN FRANCISCO THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY.

Dear Brethren:—The Term of the Seminary opened according to rule on the first Thursday of September, 1879, and closed the last Thursday of April, 1880. Three days were spent in the examination of the students by the Acting Faculty in the presence of a committee from the Presbytery of San Francisco, and of some of the Directors. The Report of the Faculty is herewith submitted, and the Report of the committee of the Presbytery approving of the examinations, is on file on its records. The anniversary exercises were held in St. John's Presbyterian church, and were attended by a large audience. The Annual Address was delivered by the Rev. A. L. Lindsley, D.D., of Portland, Oregon. During the term, and at the request of the Faculty, Rev. Peter V. Veeder, D.D., delivered a lecture to our students on "Japan; its history, moral and religious aspects as a missionary field"; and the Rev. Augustus W. Loomis, D.D., of the Presbyterian Chinese Mission of this city, also delivered a lecture on "China; its past history, present condition, and possible future." These lectures were delivered in Calvary Presbyterian Church, and were largely attended, and were of a deeply interesting character. At the request of the students, and with the approbation of the Faculty, the Rev. Sylvester Woodbridge, D.D., also delivered a course of lectures to the students, on "Scientific Anthropology," which were instructive and highly appreciated. Mr. James Thompson, Daniel Gamble, and Rev. George R. Bird, having satisfactorily completed the course of studies, received the usual certificates of graduation.

One hundred volumes have been presented to the Library, chiefly from the library of the late Rev. Peter Williamson, of this city, by his widow, Mrs. Eliza Lucy Williamson. They are standard theological works, such as our students need.

The Board of Education allowed its beneficiaries with us $434. Our friends and congregations on the coast contributed to the Students' Contingent Fund $650. You will please examine the Report of the Contingent Fund, herewith submitted, as also the Financial Statement of your Treasurer. The Seminary Building has had some repairs made to it, and is in good condition. It and the library are kept insured for what seems a proper amount. All taxes and dues are paid. We are free from debt. The Directors and Trustees are the same as last year, except that as it pleased God to take from us Rev. Dr. Cunningham by death, one of our first Directors, the Rev. Samuel P. Sprecher, of the First Presbyterian Church of Oakland, was elected in his place, and Mr. Nathaniel Gray was elected in the place of Mr. Palmer. The Acting Faculty is the same as before, except that as Dr. Eells left us in November for Lane Seminary, and the Rev. John Hemphill, of Calvary Presbyterian Church, kindly consented to take Dr. Eells' place to the end of the term; and then the Directors unanimously elected Mr. Hemphill to the chair occupied by Dr. Eells, which he has accepted.

Our students for the present term are the same we had last year, except those who graduated, and except Mr. John McKenzie, who, to recruit his health, has removed for a year to Victoria, British Columbia. Mr. S. S. Caldwell also has not yet returned, and Mr. Joseph Hemphill, who is to return after the sessions of Synod. We have been disappointed in not receiving quite a number of students from the East. Eleven applications were made from New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Ohio, Illinois and Iowa, and one from Oregon. Not one of these, however, has yet appeared. They were all graduates of colleges, and we gave them all the encouragement we could. Probably the reason why they have not come, is that other institutions having scholarships, and the expense of railway travel being so great to reach us, they have been induced to enter Eastern seminaries. It is, however, a painful fact that so few of those born on this coast seem inclined to study for the Gospel ministry. The reasons why they do not are so easily seen, that we need not detail them. But we may be allowed to say, that we hope your reverend body will urge upon your churches the vast importance of family religion, and of careful religious instruction of our youth, and fervent prayers for the blessed head of the Church to call forth an increased number of laborers into his harvest-fields. Three young men of promise are pursuing their academic studies to enter the Seminary as soon as they are prepared for it.

The Treasurer's Report shows that we have paid the Professors all we were able to get for their support, which is a very poor remuneration for their services. It will be gratifying to you, however, to learn that we have assurances of generous contributions from our brethren in the East, if we act unitedly and energetically in trying to secure the endowment of the Seminary. We especially ask your serious attention to the donation of Mr. Robert L. Stuart, of New York city, of *twenty thousand dollars*, to be paid this month, and the intimation in his letter to Dr. Scott, of the 5th of September last, that if we could make some corresponding movement to further the endowment among ourselves on this coast, the amount might be increased to *fifty thousand dollars*. As the Board of Directors had, on a previous occasion, resolved that it was our duty to try to raise *twenty-five thousand dollars* on this coast, and had appointed two of their members, Rev. W. W. Brier and R. J. Trumbull, Esq., and Rev Dr. Wm. Alexander, to solicit contributions for this object, the following resolution was adopted on the 30th September last:

"*Resolved*, unanimously, that we have listened to the letter of Mr. Robert L. Stuart with great pleasure and gratitude, and we request Dr. Scott to answer Mr. Stuart that, having already made arrangements to secure funds on this coast, we will prosecute the work with all our vigor."

We therefore earnestly hope you will take such action as may promote the effort to raise at least twenty-five thousand dollars on this coast, and thereby secure at least fifty thousand and probably seventy-five thousand dollars, for the Seminary, from the East, and thus place our institution on a more sure foundation.

The term for which the following-named Directors were elected, expires with this meeting of the Synod: Rev. S. P. Sprecher, for the unexpired term of Rev. Dr. Cunningham, and Rev John Hemphill, Rev. W. W. Brier and F. E. Shearer; and Elders Stephen Franklin and R. J. Trumbull.

Asking your sympathies and prayers, we submit our Report.

Respectfully, W. A. SCOTT, *President.*

R. J. TRUMBULL, *Secretary.*

San Francisco, Cal., 30th September, 1880.

B.—PRESBYTERIAL REPORTS.

1. PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

The Presbytery of Benicia would respectfully report to the Synod of the Pacific that it consists of twenty-three ministers and twenty-six churches.

The pastoral relation that existed between Rev. J. S. Todd and the church of Healdsburg was dissolved April 10th, 1880.

Rev. J. L. Woods, on account of impaired health, was honorably retired from the active work of the ministry, October 6th, 1880.

It has one candidate for the ministry under its care: viz., Mr. M. T. A. White.

N. B. KLINK,

Stated Clerk.

October 7th, 1880.

2. PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

The Presbytery of Los Angeles respectfully reports to the Synod that it consists of seventeen ministers and nineteen churches, and that it has no licentiates or candidates for the ministry.

1. It received Rev. J. W. Ellis from the Presbytery of Sacramento, and Rev. R. S. Reese from the Presbytery of Osage, April 2d, 1880, and Rev. S. T. Wells from the Presbytery of San Francisco, October 9th, 1880.

2. It dismissed Rev. W. F. P. Noble to the Presbytery of Chester; Rev. James Cameron to the Presbytery of San Francisco; Rev. A. J. Compton, M. D., to the Presbytery of Sacramento, October 9th, 1880.

3. It dissolved the pastoral relation between the Rev. A. J. Compton and the church of Westminster, April 5th, 1880; and installed Rev. J. W. Ellis pastor of the Los Angeles Church, April 4, 1880.

4. It organized the Presbyterian Church of Arlington November 9th, 1879.

ROBERT STRONG,

Stated Clerk.

3. PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

The Sacramento Presbytery would respectfully report that it has received during the Synodical year the following ministers from other bodies, viz:

1. Rev. Geo. W. Gallagher, April 16th, 1880, from the Presbytery of Utah.
2. Rev. Isaac N. Waterman, June 16th, 1880, from the Presbytery of Baltimore.

Letters of dismission have been granted as follows, viz.:

1. To Rev. Loyal Y. Hayes, to unite with the Springfield Presbytery, January 22d, 1880.
2. To Rev. J. W. Ellis, to unite with the Los Angeles Presbytery, January 22d, 1880.
3. To Rev. W. P. Koutz, April 17th, 1880, to unite with the Presbytery of Crawfordsville.
4. To Rev. Justus B. Jewell, April 16th, 1880, to unite with the Presbytery of Saginaw.
5. To Robert Mackenzie, April 17th, 1880, to unite with the San Francisco Presbytery.
6. To Rev. Josiah McLane, October 5th, 1880, to unite with the Colorado Presbytery.
7. To Rev. Philo F. Phelps, to unite with the Presbytery of San Francisco.

One minister has died, Rev. W. H. Tallmadge.

There has been one installation, that of Rev. Geo. C. Whyte, over the Tehama Church, February 3, 1880.

There have been the following dissolutions of the pastoral relations, viz.:

1. That of Rev. J. W. Ellis with the Chico Church, January 22d, 1880.
2. That of Rev. J. B. Warren with the Modesto Church, January 22d, 1880.
3. That of Rev. Justus B. Jewell with the Mt. Aukum Church, April 16th, 1880.
4. That of Rev. Robert McKenzie with the Stockton Church, April 17th, 1880.
5. That of Rev. Josiah McLain with the Carson City Church, April 17th, 1880.
6. That of Rev. George C. Whyte with the Tehama Church, October 5th, 1880.

One church has been received under care of Presbytery, that at Arbuckle, Colusa County, Cal.

Two churches have been dropped from the roll of Presbytery, viz.: Pioche and Williams.

There are now sixteen ministers in the Sacramento Presbytery, one candidate for the ministry, and thirty-one churches under its care.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

N. SLATER,
Stated Clerk.

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4. PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

The Presbytery of San Francisco would respectfully report to the Synod of the Pacific that it consists of forty-three ministers, and twenty-five churches, and since its last report to Synod the following changes have occurred, to-wit:

It dismissed, November 29th, 1879, M. L. Berger, to the Presbytery of Hudson; January 12th, 1880, James Eells, D. D., to the Presbytery of Cin-

cinnati; September 6th, 1880, Joseph A. Steinhartt, to the Presbytery of St. Louis; and September 7th, 1880. George R. Bird, to the Presbytery of Puget Sound.

T. M. Cunningham, D. D., died in Oakland, February 22d, 1880, and W. H. Dean in Tucson, Arizona, July 13th, 1880.

On April 29th, 1880, it dropped the name of J. D. Strong from the roll.

On October 12th, 1879, it ordained Williel H. Thomson.

On April 29th, 1880, it licensed Daniel Gamble, S. S. Caldwell, W. H. Darden, Joseph Hemphill and James Thompson for the period of one year.

It received Joseph A. Steinhartt from the Presbytery of Nebraska City, November 29th, 1879; Daniel H. Temple from the Presbytery of Cayuga, January 12th, 1880; Samuel P. Sprecher from the Presbytery of Utica, March 7th, 1880; George R. Bird from the Presbytery of Utah, April 7th, 1880; Robert Mackenzie from the Presbytery of Sacramento, April 29th, 1880; Frank L. Nash from the Presbytery of San Jose, August 3d, 1880; J. T. Wills from the Bay Association of Congregational Churches, August 3d, 1880; and H. H. Wikoff from the Presbytery of Winnebago, September 6th, 1880.

It dissolved the pastoral relation between Jas. Eells, D. D., and the First Church of Oakland, November 2d, 1879; that between W. H. Dean and the First Church of Brooklyn, April 6, 1880; and that between J. A. Merrill and Olivet and Memorial Churches, August 3d, 1880.

It installed Rev. S. P. Sprecher pastor of the First Church of Oakland, March 7th, 1880; F. L. Nash pastor of Westminster Church, September 9th, 1880; and J. T. Wills pastor of Olivet and Memorial Churches, September 26th, 1880.

The Church of Pacheco was received under the care of the Presbytery, April 29th, 1880.

FREDERIC E. SHEARER,
Stated Clerk.

5. PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

The Presbytery of San José would respectfully report to the Synod of the Pacific that it consists of nineteen ministers and twenty-two churches. Since the last meeting of Synod the Presbytery has made the following changes:

1. Dismissed to the Presbytery of Crawfordsville, on April 20th, 1880, Rev. Amos Jones; on the same day, to the Presbytery of San Francisco, Rev. F. L. Nash; on October 6th, 1880, Rev. Charles W. Anthony to the Presbytery of Rock River.

2. It has received from the Presbytery of San Francisco, October 8th, 1880, Rev. John Rea.

3. It dissolved the pastoral relation between Rev. F L. Nash and the Watsonville Church, on April 21st, 1880.

4. It instituted the pastoral relation between Rev. T. M. Oviatt and the Gilroy Church, on May 23d, 1880.

W. W. BRIER,
Stated Clerk.

C.—NARRATIVE

OF THE

STATE OF RELIGION.

Your Committee on the Narrative of the State of Religion would respectfully report that, in the statements of the various Presbyteries, it appears that there has been during the year little of what is called special religious interest. In these statements there is much of lamentation over the general deadness of spiritual condition in the churches, and the wide failure in obvious results of Christian effort. Unbelief, indifference, Sabbath desecration and neglect of the sanctuary prevail to an alarming extent in all our communities. The churches are themselves chilled by the atmosphere about them. Individual Christians lose their warmth and vitality, now to often carried with the currents which sweep away from God and his Christ.

Nevertheless, there has been growth. Total additions to the churches for assembly purposes, 1000, of which 488 are on profession; a total addition of fourteen per cent. and about seven per cent. on confession. The total increase of membership over last year is 124. The membership of our churches has increased from 1873 to 1880, from 5,369 to 6,969. From 1877 to 1880 it has increased from 6,611 to 6,969; that is, only 358 in the three years.

Few if any churches have become extinct. Four have been organized. Some which seemed near death are greatly strengthened. Some houses of worship have been erected, and some are in process of erection. Some debts have been paid. In spite of hard times, these precious Churches of God have lived.

Our Sabbath Schools hold steadily and strongly on, yet not making great advance. Their membership has increased only from 8,831 in 1873 to 10,239 in 1880; 1408 increase in three years.

In temperance matters, something of progress has been made, largely through the zeal in the cause of Christian women.

Of Young Men's Christian Association work, there is little or none in the Synod.

Our religious activities, zeal and enthusiasm bear little proportion to the measure of the absorption of our people in material enterprise. Our benevolent contributions have been very considerably increased both in amounts and in the percentage of the contributing churches to each of the objects designated by the General Assembly. Just now there has obviously arisen a new impulse of spiritual fervor. Quickening is reported in several churches and Presbyteries. All the churches are more or less moved by the near prospect of the coming of Messrs. Moody and Sankey for a winter's work upon this coast.

On the whole, while things have come among us to a pass bad enough, and we have not yet any great and definite betterment, your Committee believes that it sees light ahead and near. It hopes, with a good deal of confidence, that the Committee of next year may find occasion, not to sing Jeremiads in the minor key, but for Hallelujahs by the grace that God shall have vouchsafed to all our churches. We believe the heart of the church is open to receive the grace of God, and that the grace is waiting to be bestowed. May the day make haste !

A. S. FISKE, Chairman,
R. J. TRUMBULL.

D.—MISCELLANEOUS.

1. STANDING RULES.

I. The Synod shall meet annually during the first week in October, at such time and place as shall be designated at the meeting of the preceding year.

II. The place of meeting shall be determined by a majority, and not by a plurality, of votes. After calling the roll for the first vote, the two places having the greatest number of votes shall alone be voted for.

III. At each meeting of the Synod a Committee of Arrangements shall be appointed to provide for the entertainment of Synod at its next meeting.

IV. The session of the church in which the Synod is to meet, shall be a Committee on Devotional Exercises, and propose to Synod the time and character of such special public religious services as may be desirable, and not otherwise provided for.

V. The first half hour of every morning session shall be spent in devotional exercises.

VI. The annual meeting of Synod shall be opened with a sermon by the Moderator; or, in case of his absence, by another member appointed at each meeting for the next succeeding meeting.

VII. The officers of the Synod shall be a Moderator, Stated Clerk, two Temporary Clerks, and a Treasurer—all to be elected by a majority vote. The Moderator and Temporary Clerks shall serve for one year; the Stated Clerk and Treasurer during the pleasure of the Synod.

VIII. The Stated Clerk shall give due notice, through *The Occident*, of the time and place of each meeting of Synod; and prepare for each meeting, and keep a docket of the business that is to come before the Synod. The compensation for the services of the Stated Clerk shall be fifty dollars per annum.

IX. The roll of each Presbytery is to be forwarded by its Stated Clerk, immediately after its last meeting next preceding the meeting of Synod, to the Stated Clerk of Synod.

X. Each Presbytery is required to report to each annual meeting of Synod the number of churches, ministers, licentiates, and candidates within the bounds of the Presbytery; and also the changes that have taken place during the year, whether from death, reception and dismission of ministers, ordinations, installations, licensures, dissolutions of pastoral relationships, organization or dissolution of churches, or from any other cause whatever.

XI. Each Presbytery shall also forward a written narrative of the state of religion in its bounds, to the Committee of Synod on the Narrative, as soon as possible before the meeting of Synod.

XII. The following *Standing* Committees shall be appointed at each annual meeting:

1. On Bills and Overtures, to consist of five members.
2. On Judicial Business, five members.
3. On Minutes of the General Assembly, three members.
4. On Leave of Absence, three members.

5. On the Treasurer's Account, three members.
6. On Finance and Mileage, five members.
7. On Theological Seminary, five members.
8. On Correspondence, three members.
9. On the Records of the Presbyteries, as many committees as there are Presbyteries in the Synod, to consist of three members each.

The following *Permanent* Committees shall be appointed at each annual meeting, to report to the next meeting:

1. On Home Missions.
2. On Foreign Missions.
3. On Education.
4. On Publication.
5. On Church Erection.
6. On Ministerial Relief.
7. On Freedmen.
8. On Sabbath Schools, three members.
9. On the Narrative of the State of Religion in the bounds of the Synod for the ensuing year, three members.
10. On Sabbath Observance, three members.

Each Committee to be one minister and one elder from each Presbytery, including the Chairman of the respective Committees in each Presbytery. Vacancies to be filled by the Moderator.

XIII. Standing committees shall report in writing at each annual meeting of Synod.

XIV. Members of Synod absent from its sessions shall assign the reasons for such absence by letter, and those reasons shall be referred to the Committee on Leave of Absence, and be reported thereon.

XV. The Minutes shall be published in pamphlet form, under direction of the Stated Clerk, and a copy sent to every minister, and to the session of every vacant church.

XVI. The General Rules for Judicatories, adopted by the General Assembly, are hereby adopted as a part of these Standing Rules, so far as they are not inconsistent herewith.

XVII. An assessment for the Contingent and Mileage Fund shall be made at each meeting of Synod for the ensuing year, and churches shall be required to contribute to this according to their membership published in the Minutes of the General Assembly last preceding the meeting of Synod at which the assessment falls due.

XVIII. The Treasurer of each Presbytery shall send to the Treasurer of the Synod the full amount required under the assessment, each Presbytery making its own arrangements for collection.

XIX. The Treasurer of the Synod, under the direction of the Finance and Mileage Committee, shall deduct from the amounts received the necessary sum for the ordinary expenses of the Synod, and place the balance, with statement of the amount in default, at the disposal of the Finance and Mileage Committee for mileage.

XX. The Treasurer of each Presbytery, or his representative in case of his absence, shall gather and hand to the Mileage Committee the mileage claim of the members of the Presbytery in attendance in detail, actual stage, railroad, or steamer fares by cheapest route only being counted, without allowance for incidentals of any kind.

XXI. The Mileage Committee, after deducting $5.00 from each claim, shall pay the Acting Treasurer of each Presbytery the amount due to his Presbytery for distribution by him, the amount paid being in proportion to the amount at the disposal of the Committee, but not to exeeed actual fares less $5.00, as above. Any balance in the hands of the Mileage Committee shall be returned to the Treasurer of Synod, and to be taken into account in their recommendation of the amount of the next assessment.

XXII. If any Presbytery neglects or fails to send its full assessment, then the amount in default shall be charged to the Presbytery, and deducted from the amount appropriated to it, and these sums shall therefore be treated by the Mileage Committee as part of its cash assets. The Presbytery of San Francisco is alone and expressly excepted from the operation of this rule.

XXIII. No claim for mileage shall be allowed to any member who is not in attendance before the close of the first morning session, or who does not remain until the close of the session, unless his excuse is stated and sustained in open Synod.

XXIV. The Roll shall be called at the opening and close of the session of Synod, and the names of the absentees marked.

XXV. The Committee on Sunday-school meetings shall report for adoption a programme for a Sunday-school meeting or meetings, to be held in connection with the next meeting of Synod.

XXVI. The Synodical Missionary and Directors of the Theological Seminary shall be elected by ballot.

2. CHURCHES AND ELDERS.

(1.) PRESBYTERY OF BENICIA.

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.
Vallejo	Samuel Duncan, C. B. Towle,	Robert B. Barr.
Shiloh	James McCaughey,	R. G. Acker.
Tomales	Arthur Patterson,	S. M. Martin.
Two Rocks	Robert Andrews,	S. Q. Barlow.
Big Valley	Stephen C. Fowler,	W. Putnam.
Vacaville	J. B. Robinson,	J. C. Weir.
Santa Rosa	Edwin H. Smyth, James B. Rue,	Isaac Parsons. C. F. Copeland.
San Rafael	R. J. Trumbull, Ai Barney,	Thomas B. Morris.
Healdsburg	E. H. Gates, John Flack, O. L. Soules,	Andrew Bouton, R. H. Thomson.
Napa	Thomas B. McClure, S. Wing,	W. S. Jacks, G. M. Francis.
Mendocino	Charles W. Denslow.	
St. Helena	A. H. Buehren.	Jno. C. Mixon.
Calistoga	.	
Clear Lake, First	I. H. Bailey.	
Clear Lake, Second	R. G. Reynolds, M.D., Wm. Young,	Samuel Clendening. Robert Simpson.
Point Arena	Benjamin T. McClure,	Charles R. Arthur.
Davisville	Wm. H. Hampton, J. B. Tufts,	C. E. Greene.
Westminster	A. A. Saunders,	
Ukiah	N. Wagenseller, T. Reeves,	G. A. Hocker.

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.
Bolinas	Robert D. Bayley,	Hugh Ingram.
Benicia		
Arcata	John W. Skinner, Isaac Culberg,	William Spring.
Fulton	Jacob Saladay, N. Bennett,	John Harmon.
Dixon	S. McBride, G. H. Evans,	J. Kline. Robert Van Buren.
Duncan's Mills		
Plainfield	Gates S. Chandler.	

(2.)—PRESBYTERY OF LOS ANGELES.

Anaheim	Alexander Bailey, Arthur Holdridge,	Edwin A. Saxton.
Arlington (Riverside P.O.)	D. W. McLeod.	
Carpinteria	E. D. Dimmick.	
Colton	W. R. Fox, M.D.,	John Lawshe.
Guadaloupe	Thomas S. Brown.	
Los Angeles	R. W. Ellis, M.D.,	J. C. Bell.
Newport (Sta. Ana P.O.)	L. G. Maxwell,	M. H. Bear.
Orange	J. S. Baldwin, C. H. Frazier,	Samuel Armor.
Ojai (Nordhoff P.O.)	Wm. McKee, L. O. Sowles,	Joseph Fisher.
Phœnix (Arizona)	O. P. Roberts,	T. E. Wharton.
Prescott (Arizona)	(No reply.)	
Pasadena	Asahel Foote, Wm. C. Mosher,	W. T. Clapp.
Santa Barbara	E. B. Hall, L. G. Oliver,	C. C. Reynerson.
Santa Ana	David Morton, Oliver Blodgett,	Daniel Curtiss.
San Diego	F. N. Pauly, G. W. Marston,	L. C. Gunn, J. A. Brown.
Santa Monica	J. C. Olmsted.	
Tucson (Arizona)	J. P. Clum, J. Haynes.	T. E. Stiles.
Westminster	Josiah McCoy, W. T. Patterson, Jas. McFadden,	J. H. Fleming, Thaddeus Alward.
Wilmington		
San Buenaventura	Jno. C. Brewster.	

(3.) PRESBYTERY OF SACRAMENTO.

Elko	Thomas Evans.	
Eureka	John Horn.	
Virginia City	Andrew Fraser, A. B. Elliott,	John S. Grant.
Carson City	William Anderson,	John Singleton.
Pioche	G. H. Fish.	
Red Bluff	Meyer J. Frank.	
Tehama	William Rogers.	

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.
Chico	Watson Chalmers,	George P. Farr.
Colusa	J. D. Gage.	
Marysville	A. W. Cutts,	Dr. Teegarden.
Sacramento	Andrew Aitken,	Felix Tracy,
	Alexander Hill,	Henry Fisher.
Elk Grove	George Harvey Kerr.	
Woodbridge	John Rutledge,	Andrew T. Rutledge,
Stockton	Andrew H. Randall,	Henry C. Morris,
	William M. Baggs,	Prof. A. H. Randall,
	James Crosier,	James Tatterson.
Tracy		
Grayson	James R. McDonald.	
Merced	John K. Law,	A. S. Fraser.
	Peter R. Murray,	
Sonora	Harvey Mayes.	
Columbia	Pearl S. Peters.	
Jackson		
Redding	Joseph Elliott,	Baptiste H. Scott.
Nord		
Arbuckle		
Sheridan	Alexander Philip,	Richard Boyes.
	Charles E. Allen,	
Modesto	J. L. Armstrong,	Dr. W. H. Rice, M.D.
Ione	J. M. H. Johnston.	
Amador	L. S. Lewis.	
Olita	Sturgess S. McNaughton.	
Placerville	E. B. Conklin,	W. B. House.
	E. Thomas Lee,	
El Dorado	Munson S. Robinson,	Lewis M. Davis,
	T. S. Dwight,	Benj. A. Hill.
Sheridan		
Taylorville		
Plymouth		

(4.)—PRESBYTERY OF SAN FRANCISCO.

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.	DEACONS.
San Francisco, 1st.	Nathaniel Gray,	Samuel Irving,	
	Thomas Hopkins,	Robert Flenniken.	
	Charles L. Kellogg,		
Howard	Wales L. Palmer,	Ebenezer R. Hawley,	
Calvary	James B. Roberts,	John Dunn,	J. W. Brown,
	Redick McKee,	Thomas Magee,	J. E. Bidwell,
	William H. Stowell,	Nicholas Romaine.	
	Cyrus Carmany,		
Larkin Street	Warren Holt,	Wm. J. Walker,	
	J. S. Webster,	Joseph Weed.	
	A. B. Crosby,		
Chinese			
Oakland, First	Jerome B. Ford,	W. S. Bartlett,	
	George W. Armes,	George S. Dodge,	
	C. W. Armes,	J. J. Gardiner.	
	J. C. Raymond,		
Oakland, Second	Hector Morrison,	Alexr. Robertson.	

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.	DEACONS.
Oakland, Chinese	Shing Chack.		
Brooklyn	James Ireland, Morton Humphrey,	David Morrow.	
Danville	A. J. Young, V. Craig,	Joseph Wiley.	
Alameda	John Wiggin.		
Central	John T. Crist, A. H. Hamill,	Dr. W. H. Davies.	J. T. Terry, Alexander Nicoll, Dr. G. F. Hinckley, B. K. Christopher.
Westminster	Charles Geddes, David A. Brown,	John O. Doane, Monroe Greenwood.	
Olivet	Dr. T. B. DeWitt.		
French	Numa Duperu,	Adolph Juillerat.	
San Pablo	John Nicholl.		
Berkeley, First	George McDonald,	W. E. Sell.	
West Berkeley	James S. Higgins.		
Howard Street	J. W. Stewart, O. F. Von Rhein,	S. Hall, W. A. Meeker.	
Woodbridge	A. H. Murphy.		
St John's	Stephen Franklin, George K. Mearns, William Small,	George K. Gluyas, J. D. Thornton, Edward Dillon.	
Memorial	Hugh Crockard.		
Walnut Creek	A. E. Biggs.		
Welsh	E. Watt.		
Pacheco			

(5.) PRESBYTERY OF SAN JOSE.

Milpitas	Joseph R. Weller.	
Salinas City	Henry Scott, Alexander French,	Hon. M. Farley, Wm. Witherow.
Hollister	A. C. Raymond,	John D. Robinson.
Westminster (*Santa Clara P. O.*)	Milton S. Wilson, George W. McGrew,	Elijah C. Bradbury, C. B. Turner.
San Leandro	A. C. Du Bois,	Andrew Jones.
Menlo Park	H. P. Coon.	
Mayfield	David L. Sloan,	J. McG. Patterson.
San Luis Obispo	Judge McD. R. Venable,	J. W Armstrong.
Arroyo Grande	David Findley,	J. O. Buffington.
Centerville	F. H. Hilton.	
Alvarado		
San Jose	Thomas Douglas, China Smith, M.D., Chas. W. Breyfogle, M.D.,	Frederick D. Field, Henry H. Reynolds, A. S. Evans.
Watsonville	James M. Rodgers, Neil McLean, Alexander Ingram,	Frank Clark, Timothy Cowles.
Gilroy	D. Huber, M.D., H. W. Briggs,	Rodney Eschenberg, C. F. Eckheart.
Livermore	W. W. Winn,	O Jones.
Pleasanton	L. T. Hayden.	
Cambria	James C. McPherson, Lorenzo Utley,	Wm. B. Herbert, Alexander Cook.

CHURCHES.	ELDERS.	ELDERS.
Bakersfield . . .	Wellington Canfield,	B. K. Said.
Cayucas . . .	David Clark,	D. McMillan.
	W. J. Evans,	
Porterville . .	O. E. Gibbons.	
Plano . . .	William Thompson.	
Harmony . . .	A. C. Stevenson.	
Visalia . . .	John A. Keys.	

3. SUCCESSION OF MODERATORS AND STATED CLERKS.

MODERATORS.

1852-69.

(1.)—O. S. Branch.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC.

A.D.	NAME.	PRESBYTERY.	PLACE.
1852,	James Woods,	Stockton,	San Francisco, Cal.
1854,	J. L. Yantis, D.D.,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "
1855,	W. C. Anderson, D.D.,	California,	San Francisco, "
1859,	S. Woodbridge, D.D.,	Benicia,	San Francisco, "
1860,	Frederick Buel,	California,	Stockton, "
1861,	Joshua L. Phelps, D.D.,	Stockton,	Napa, "
1862,	Henry R. Avery,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "
1863,	P. V. Veeder,	Benicia,	San Francisco, "
1864,	R. Happersett, D.D.,	Stockton,	San Francisco, "
1865,	John Edwards,	California,	Healdsburg, "
1866,	Thomas Fraser,	Benicia,	San Francisco, "
1867,	J. S. McDonald,	Stockton,	San Francisco, "
1868,	J. G. Fackler,	California,	San Francisco, "
1869,	A. L. Lindsley, D.D.,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "

1857-69.

(2.)—N. S. Branch.

SYNOD OF ALTA CALIFORNIA.

1867,	S. H. Willey,	San Francisco,	Sacramento,	Cal.
1858,	S. S. Harmon,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco,	"
1859,	W. W. Brier,	San Jose,	San Francisco,	"
1860,	S. B. Bell,	San Jose,	San Francisco,	"
1861,	L. Hamilton,	San Jose,	Sacramento,	"
1862,	E. B. Walsworth,	Sierra Nevada,	San Francisco,	"
1863,	A. F. White,	San Jose,	San Francisco,	"
1864,	G. Pierson,	San Jose,	San Francisco,	"
1865,	C. C. Wallace,	Sierra Nevada,	Oakland,	"
1866,	H. M. Scudder, D.D.,	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	"
1867,	I. N. Hurd,	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	"
1868,	James Pierpont,	San Francisco,	San Francisco,	"
1869,	E. B. Walsworth,	San Jose,	San Francisco,	"

1870-80.

(3.)—Reunited Church.

SYNOD OF THE PACIFIC.

1870, J. G. Fackler (Session of July),	California,	San Francisco, Cal.
1870, S. Woodbridge, D.D., (Session of October),	San Francisco,	San Francisco, "
1871, W. W. Brier,	San Jose,	Oakland, "
1872, N. B. Klink,	Benicia,	Gilroy, "
1873, A. L. Lindsley, D.D.,	Oregon,	San Francisco, "
1874, Frederic E. Shearer,	San Francisco,	Sacramento, "
1875, James Matthews, D.D.,	Sacramento,	Oakland, "
1876, W. A. Scott, D.D., LL.D.,	San Francisco,	San Jose, "
1877, Edward Graham,	Los Angeles,	Stockton, "
1878, Wm. Alexander, D.D.,	San Jose,	San Francisco, "
1879, Richard Wylie,	Benicia,	Oakland, "
1880, John Hemphill,	San Francisco,	San Jose, "

STATED CLERKS.

(1.)—O. S. Branch.

1852, Albert Williams.
1856, S. Woodbridge, Jr.
1862, Albert Wflliams,
1865, John Edwards.

(2.)—N. S. Branch.

1857, E. B. Walsworth.
1868, George Pierson.

(3.)—Reunited Church.

1870, D. W. Poor, D.D.
1873, Frederic E. Shearer.